

**NOTE ON LIST OF OHIO MOLLUSCA, AND A SUGGESTION
IN REGARD TO LOCAL FAUNAL LISTS.**

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A preliminary list of the Land and Fresh Water Mollusca of Ohio has been prepared by the writer and deposited in the Academy library. It is an abstract of a larger hand list, and contains nearly all the species seen from the State, or recorded, except some of Pleurocera and Gonioleasis which still must be worked up specially. A few species listed must be verified as to actual occurrence in the State, a few others as to exact identification, and there is no doubt that quite a number of additional ones will be found.

As stated elsewhere, I believe that "the Mollusca are the truest exponents of the geographical distribution of animals in a given region or district," and also that Ohio is a specially interesting territory in that respect. And therefore, a faunal list should not be published before the species, varieties and local forms from all parts of the State are fairly well known and their distribution can be shown by tables, charts, etc., approximately accurate, even if it take a few years' more work. Then, and only then, such a publication will be to the credit of the Academy and the State.

If a part of a research fund could be turned over to the collecting and working up of our Mollusca, for a year or two, it would help considerably, and also might make it possible to work up a special "Ohio Collection" containing the species and local forms from various parts of the State, carefully identified, to be deposited with some institution, e. g., the Ohio State University.

Local lists, also, might be worked up, of various parts of Ohio, where zoologists are studying the faunas. And in this connection a suggestion may be excused. Such a list, be it of Mollusca, or any other group of animals, or comprehensive, should not be confined to a county, except where the same is bounded by natural lines. Political outlines have nothing to do with the natural features of the county, but go across hills, valleys, rivers, etc. It is better to take up a certain naturally limited territory, a valley, a drainage system, a range or group of mountains or hills, regardless of county lines.

The same might be said of States, to a large extent. Yet, they comprise much larger territories, and for practical and routine reasons, will be considered separately, in general. Ohio is more naturally confined than most other States, and a faunal list of the State means somewhat of a unity. But even then, the lines should not be drawn too strictly.